

In the United States Court of Federal Claims
OFFICE OF SPECIAL MASTERS
No. 15-1577V
(Not to be published)

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HOPE DOUCET, on behalf of *
her deceased minor child, A.C., *
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Petitioner, *
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v. *
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SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND *
HUMAN SERVICES *
*
Respondent. *

Filed: September 13, 2016

Decision on Attorneys’
Fees and Costs

DECISION (ATTORNEYS’ FEES AND COSTS)

In this case under the National Vaccine Injury Compensation Program,¹ a Decision issued on July 21, 2016. On August 24, 2016, Petitioners filed an Application for Attorneys’ Fees and Costs, requesting a total payment of \$10,933.97, representing attorneys’ fees of \$10,086.50, and \$847.47 of attorneys’ costs. On September 12, 2016, Respondent filed a statement indicating that Respondent has no objection to this request.

I find that this Petition was filed and pursued in good faith and with a reasonable basis. Thus, an award for fees and costs is appropriate at this time, pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1). Further, the proposed amounts seem reasonable and appropriate. Accordingly, I hereby award the following attorneys’ fees and costs pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-15(b) and (e)(1):

¹ The applicable statutory provisions defining the program are found at 42 U.S.C. § 300aa-10 *et seq.* (2012).

- a lump sum of \$10,933.97, in the form of a check payable jointly to Petitioner and Petitioner's counsel, Andrew D. Downing, on account of services performed by counsel's law firm.

In the absence of a timely-filed motion for review filed pursuant to Appendix B of the Rules of the U.S. Court of Federal Claims, the clerk of the court shall enter judgment in accordance herewith.²

IT IS SO ORDERED

/s/ George L. Hastings, Jr.
George L. Hastings, Jr.
Special Master

² Pursuant to Vaccine Rule 11(a), the parties may expedite entry of judgment by filing a joint notice renouncing the right to seek review.